

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Joe Balyeat, on January 18, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 102, 1/14/2011; SB 158, 1/14/2011, SB 159

_ HEARING ON SB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:20 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 159, Revise energy efficiency and code adoption requirements in building codes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:05 Dustin Stewart, Executive Director, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

EXHIBIT(bus13a01)

00:12:49 Mike Hughes, Government Affairs, MBIA

00:19:05 Jim More, Builder, Hamlin Construction; President, Helena Building Industry Association (HBIA)

00:22:51 Basil Jacobson, MBIA, Great Falls

00:24:03 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

00:25:53 Jim Zarling, MBIA, General Contractor, Great Falls

00:26:57 Rob Martin, MBIA, Builder, Helena

EXHIBIT(bus13a02)

00:27:40 Merna Terry, MBIA, Home builder, Kalispell

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:07 Dale Horton, Energy Program Manager, National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), Butte

EXHIBIT(bus13a03)

00:37:00 David Scrimm, self

00:39:05 Ben Brouwer, Energy Program Manager, Alternative Energy Resource Association (AERO)

EXHIBIT(bus13a04)

00:42:31 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony:

00:46:13 Dave Cook, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI), Bureau Chief over Building Codes

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:37 Chairman Balyeat

00:49:05 Mr. Cook, DOLI

00:49:15 Sen. Moore

00:49:19 Mr. Cook

00:49:38 Sen. Tropila

00:49:54 Mr. Cook

00:50:35 Sen. Tropila

00:51:44 Sen. Priest

00:51:59 Chairman Balyeat

00:52:22 Sen. Facey

00:52:43 Mr. Zarling, MBIA
00:53:09 Sen. Facey
00:57:15 Mr. Stewart MBIA
00:58:15 Sen. Jackson
00:59:51 Mr. Stewart
01:00:00 Sen. Jackson, without objection, redirect to Mike Hughes
01:00:10 Mr. Hughes, MBIA
01:01:44 Sen. Tropila
01:05:10 Sen. Priest
01:06:00 Chairman Balyeat
01:07:16 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:07:30 Chairman Balyeat
01:07:35 Sen. Priest
01:07:49 Chairman Balyeat
01:13:19 Mr. Horton NCAT
01:14:22 Chairman Balyeat
01:16:57 Sen. Priest
01:17:33 Sen. Moore
01:18:49 Mr. Horton
01:20:49 Sen. Facey
01:21:17 Mr. Cook
01:22:46 Chairman Balyeat
01:24:19 Mr. Cook
01:24:34 Sen. Vuckovich
01:25:18 Mr. Cook
01:25:57 Sen. Tropila
01:27:14 Chairman Balyeat
01:27:37 Sen. Priest
01:27:51 Sen. Tropila
01:27:58 Sen. Priest

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:33 Sen. Priest
01:30:36 Recess
01:36:19 Resume

HEARING ON SB 102

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:36:53 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 102, Revise law on payment of subcontractors on public contracts.

[**EXHIBIT\(bus13a05\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(bus13a06\)**](#)

01:41:14 Chairman Balyeat

Proponents' Testimony:

01:41:37 David Beck, Subcontractor, Anaconda
01:45:15 John Forkan, Montana Association Plumbers and Pipefitters (MAPP)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:46:08 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractor's Association (MCA)
01:50:26 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
01:51:18 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony:

01:54:01 Russ Katherman, Architecture and Engineering Division (A & E), State of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:21 Steve Brown, subcontractor audience member
01:56:29 Russ Katherman, A & E
01:56:41 Mr. Brown
01:56:53 Chairman Balyeat
02:00:17 Mr. Hegreberg, MCA
02:00:39 Chairman Balyeat
02:01:16 Mr. Beck, Subcontractor
02:03:39 Sen. Jackson
02:05:36 Mr. Beck
02:06:14 Sen. Jackson
02:08:30 Mr. Hegreberg

Closing by Sponsor:

02:09:32 Sen. Vuckovich
02:09:46 Chairman Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 158

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:10:26 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 158, Require legislators to disclose cost/payment information for meetings attended.

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:18:02 Don Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:19:31 Jennifer Hensley, Commissioner of Political Practices

EXHIBIT(bus13a08)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:20:46 Sen. Tropila
02:20:54 Ms. Murdo, LSD
02:21:35 Chairman Balyeat
02:24:16 Sen. Facey
02:24:38 Chairman Balyeat
02:24:43 Sen. Jackson
02:29:29 Sen. Facey

Closing by Sponsor:

02:30:18 Sen. Facey

02:30:32 Chairman Balyeat
02:31:36 Sen. Jackson
02:31:46 Mary McCue, Montana Dental Association
02:32:13 Chairman Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus13aad.pdf](#))